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Contact Us

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All Work Orders: (928) 213-2731

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(closed 12pm-1pm)
& Fri 8am-12pm

**"No spring nor summer beauty hath such grace
as I have seen in one autumnal face."**

John Donne



Section 8 Waiting List Opens

September 1, 2021 at 8:30 am, Applications Online

The City of Flagstaff Housing Authority is pleased to announce that the Waiting List for the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program will open September 1, 2021 at 8:30 am and will remain open until further notice.

Applications must be filed online at apply.havenconnect.com/form/application/9504f36d-62c3-47ec-8920-109efcef7796. (Link also available at flagstaff.az.gov/4657).

Applications will be considered based on date and time of application and Residency. Applicants who live or work in Flagstaff will be considered ahead of applicants who do not.

Applications may be filed on any internet enabled device including laptops, personal computers, cell phones and tablets. Computer kiosks will be available at the CFHA main office, 3481 N Fanning Dr for those lacking computer and/or internet access.

Persons requiring assistance as a Reasonable Accommodation may contact Kurt Aldinger, Public Housing Manager, at [\(928\) 213-2736](tel:9282132736) or TDD [\(928\) 774-5281](tel:9287745281).

Operational Updates: Public Housing & Clark Homes

All CFHA Offices have reopened in a limited capacity effective June 21, 2021. We will be limiting the number of people allowed in the lobby at any given time. If you need to speak to your Specialist, but have not been sent an appointment please call or email the Specialist rather than coming to the office. Please do not come to the office if you are symptomatic (fever, coughing, etc.).

Annual Recertifications will return to an in office appointment following return of requested paperwork. An appointment will be sent following receipt of the paperwork. This appointment will not be optional.

Interim Recertifications (for changes) will continue to be completed by mail. However, if paperwork is not returned by the deadline, an appointment will be sent instead of a second notice. An appointment may also be requested if this is your preference. Please also remember to report income decreases by the 25th of the month to ensure decreases take effect the following month.

In office appointments for household members turning 18 will be resumed.

Office Hours

Main (Siler Homes) Office:

8:00 am-4:30 pm Mon-Thurs | 8:00 am-12:00 pm Fri

Brannen Homes (West) Office:

8:00 am-4:30 pm Mon-Thurs | 8:00 am-12:00 pm Fri
Closed 12:00-1:00 pm

Clark Homes Office:

8:00 am-6:00 pm Mon-Thurs | Closed 12-1 pm & Fri

Clark Homes Neighborhood Network:

Will be announced soon

Rent Collection Policy Information

CFHA has been waiving late fees, accepting partial payments, entering into repayment agreements, has not counted late payments toward the three (3) late payment policy, and has not pursued non-payment terminations since April 2020.

Please understand that we have gone beyond our legal obligation under the CDC Eviction Moratorium which is set to expire on October 3, 2021. We will be

FlagstaffResources.com Hotline

Online resource hub,
FlagstaffResources.com, is
now available by phone
at (928) 832-2324.

returning to the approved rent collection policy October 2021. Final notices on past due payments will be given in September 2021. **Please be aware that there is no "rent forgiveness."** If your income has gone down, contact your specialist to discuss a rent adjustment. If you are behind or if you will have trouble paying any past due amount, contact your Specialist to make an arrangement to repay the past due amount in installments.

Please be aware that AZ DES is offering rental and utility assistance. If you wish to apply for this assistance, please contact Kurt Aldinger at kaldinger@flagstaffaz.gov or **(928) 213-2736** to make an appointment to file the application.

Maintenance News

Please continue to call in all work orders to **(928) 213-2731**. It is not necessary to call more than once. All routine Work Orders are now done by appointment only, so please be sure to include a call back number in your message. Please also be aware that no work orders will be performed when there are minors who are home with no adult present

There is currently a serious material shortage for much of the materials needed by maintenance. Our contractors are also experiencing labor shortages. This may lead to a longer wait than is usual for some repairs to be made. This shortage has especially impacted window replacement. It is currently taking two months or more for broken windows to be replaced. Your patience is appreciated.

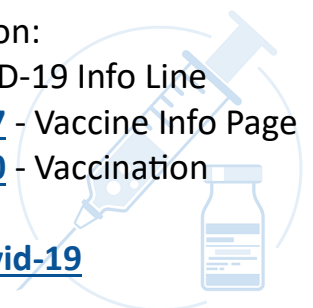
Parts used in repairs for the storm doors at Siler and Brannen Homes are no longer available, nor are comparable replacement doors available. Because of this we can no longer repair the storm doors. Storm doors that are damaged will be removed and cannot be replaced, so please be careful not to damage them.

Annual Inspections have been completed on all homes for 2021. Inspections may resume October 2021.

COVID-19 Vaccinations & Info

For vaccination information:

- [\(928\) 679-7300](tel:9286797300) - COVID-19 Info Line
- [Coconino.az.gov/2547](https://coconino.az.gov/2547) - Vaccine Info Page
- [Coconino.az.gov/2580](https://coconino.az.gov/2580) - Vaccination Locations
- [CDC.gov/vaccines/covid-19](https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19)



CITY OF FLAGSTAFF HOUSING AUTHORITY

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August 17, 2021

RE: Public Notice-Low Income Public Housing Flat Rents

Based on the release of new Fair Market Rents for Flagstaff by HUD on August 6, 2016, the Flagstaff Housing Authority is adjusting Flat Rents for all move ins, Flat Rent Annual Updates and Annual Recertifications effective on or after December 1, 2021 based on the formula mandated by HUD with the FY 2014 Budget, and approved by the Flagstaff Housing Authority Board of Commissioners on July 23, 2014 and incorporated into the Admissions and Continued Occupancy Policy (as revised) Section 7.1. This formula requires that all Flat Rents be set at no less than 80% of the area Fair Market Rents (FMRs) as set by HUD. This will also apply to all households that pay prorated rent based on the Assistance to Non-citizens rule for all certifications effective on or after December 1, 2021. The applicable utility allowance will be deducted from Flat Rents only.

Documentation of the new flat rent determination is available upon request.

BR Size	1	2	3	4	5
Current	\$850	\$1052	\$1370	\$1647	\$1894
Effective December 1, 2021	\$933	\$1180	\$1495	\$1796	\$2066

Comments may be submitted in writing to Kurt Aldinger, Public Housing Manager at the Flagstaff Housing Authority Office, 3481 N Fanning Dr; the Flagstaff Housing West Office, 1 Brannen Circle; or electronically to kaldinger@flagstaffaz.gov. Comments must be submitted by October 31, 2021.

The City of Flagstaff Housing Authority does not discriminate on the basis of handicapped status in the admission or access to, or treatment or employment in, its federally assisted programs and activities.

Please contact the Maintenance Manager / CFHA 504 Coordinator with questions or concerns (928) 213-2754.

Neighborhood Sustainability & Water Conservation Grants

The Neighborhood Sustainability Grant and Water Conservation Research Grant will open for applications on September 1st. Neighborhood Sustainability Grants can help launch or continue community sustainability projects related to food, waste, resilience, or climate action. New to this grant cycle are the categories of building energy, public health, and transportation! Water Conservation Research Grants can help launch community research projects in Water Conservation. Individuals, community groups, nonprofits, and local businesses

are encouraged to apply. Visit flagstaff.az.gov/albertsgrant for more details.

Have a project idea but not sure where to start? The Sustainability and Beautification, Arts and Sciences offices will be hosting a virtual grant workshop on September 18th. Contact Marissa Molloy at Marissa.molloy@flagstaffaz.gov or (928) 213-2152 for more details and a registration link.



Public Notice:

Meeting on CDBG & CAPER

A Report Regarding the Use of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Other Federal Funds is Available for Public Review & Comment

A public meeting will be held virtually on Friday, September 24, 2021 at 10:00 am by the City of Flagstaff Housing Section to review and receive public comment on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Year 2020 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). To attend and access the virtual meeting visit flagstaff.az.gov/2467 which will be updated with the meeting link held through **Microsoft Teams**.

The CAPER outlines Flagstaff's performance in accomplishing the objectives of the Consolidated Plan in the use of CDBG funds. Included in the CAPER is the amount of funds expended to provide the programs set forth in the 2020 Annual Action Plan, the source of the funds, and the number of persons or households assisted.

The CAPER will be available for review beginning on August 31st, 2021 at flagstaff.az.gov/2467 or can be requested by calling **(928) 213-2749** or by email at kristine.pavlik@flagstaffaz.gov.

Comments can be submitted by email to kristine.pavlik@flagstaffaz.org until 4:00 pm on Wednesday, September 22, 2021.

*Persons requiring hearing, language, visual, mobility or other accommodations may contact the City at **(928) 213-2752** or TTY/TDD **(800) 367-8939** or 711 to make special arrangements at least 24 hours before the scheduled meeting time.*



Kids' Steam Corner: Fall Leaves!

Changing fall leaves are a great resource for making art! Paint leaves, make leaf people, make a rubbing of a leaf to see its veiny structure, or make a mosaic with them! While little ones around you are making art from leaves, you can highlight the science of how and why leaves change in the fall:



- Leaves are green from their chlorophyll, which can absorb sunlight to turn carbon dioxide and water into sugar, which the tree uses, and oxygen, which the tree sees as a waste product.
- When days get shorter, leaves begin to die and the chlorophyll fades; this reveals colors the leaves already had, but was outshone by the green.
- Carotenoids (which are in orange vegetables like carrots and sweet potatoes) reflect yellow light, anthocyanins (which give berries red and dark blue colors) give some leaves red and purple hues. Old leaves show brown as tannins (which are also in coffee and tea) reflect in brown.
- Trees lose leaves to save energy from having to keep them alive through winter; allowing deciduous "leafy" trees to rest when sun is in short supply!

You can make homemade paper with the brilliant fall leaves and other scraps! Check out this short video for more: <https://youtu.be/sHbk9UAAXGE>.

More fun Fall Facts at americanforests.org/!

Housing Section Website Updates

The Housing Section website has been updated, as has our information with Arizona 2-1-1:

1. **Emergency Shelter & Assistance**, flagstaff.az.gov/4373, has information on immediate shelter, rent and utility assistance, COVID-19 related support, and more.
2. The new page, **Eviction Prevention** at flagstaff.az.gov/4675, links to resources about the eviction moratorium, legal aid, and more.
3. And you can apply for Section 8 and more from the home page: flagstaff.az.gov/4372.

Serving on a City Board

If you are interested in advising the City of Flagstaff, consider applying to serve on a commission, board, or committee!



Boards and commissions oversee and inform City agencies and initiatives. You can apply right now at flagstaff.az.gov/forms.aspx?FID=166!

There are currently vacancies on:

- Beautification and Public Art
- Flagstaff Housing Authority Board
- The Library Board
- The Sustainability Commission
- And more!

Food & Utility Resources

Family Food Center Services:

Home Deliveries

Call (928) 526-2211 to sign up for a delivery

Emergency Food Boxes

3805 E Huntington, Tues-Sat, 9am-1pm

To-Go Style Dinner

1903 N 2nd St, Daily from 4:00pm-5:30pm

Backdoor Lunch Program: Ring Bell for Lunch

1903 N 2nd St., Daily from 10am-2pm

Book Distribution & Kids' Raffle

Tues-Fri, 4:00-5:30pm at 1903 N 2nd St.

Flagstaff Unified Schools

Free Grab & Go Meals - Mon-Fri, 11:00am-12:30pm, see fusd1.org/grabandgo for locations

The Pantry by Golden Rule at 2573 E 7th Ave

Personalized food boxes for pickup W-Sun, 3pm-6pm

The Salvation Army Food Pantry

507 N. Humphreys St., 9am-12pm, 1pm-5pm, M-Th
Emergency food box application required with ID. Call (928) 774-1403 for more information.

Meals on Wheels (Area Agency on Aging)

If someone in your household is 60 years of age or older, call (877) 521-3500 to arrange for assistance.

Call 2-1-1 for Additional Assistance

You & Your Wallet: Paying Off Credit Cards

Paying down credit cards and paying them off is essential to long-term financial goals. While money in savings accounts may **earn** 1% interest or less, credit card interest **costs you** and can be as high as 17%! What does that mean? Well, paying off high interest debt is a good financial strategy that can lead into building up savings or an emergency fund!

Paying off credit cards is easier said than done, though. A few strategies to get credit card debt under control include:

- Talk to your bank or credit union about a **balance transfer deal that waives interest payments** for an initial period. Follow this up with monthly payments to reduce this debt, taking advantage while interest payments are waived.
- **Use the Avalanche Method!** Each month, pay the minimum payment and then pay what you can on the highest interest credit source. Once that has been zeroed, move to the next highest, and so on.
- **Use the Snowball Method!** Pay your minimum payments like the Avalanche Method, but focus on the smallest debt, then tackle the next. This isn't as effective, but zeroing out debts is positive reinforcement that can encourage you onward!

With all of these, you'll need to stick to your budget discussed in previous columns of **You & Your Wallet** (or other sources). Slashing frills and luxuries will help you recover from debt and then start saving and establish an emergency fund.

We'll discuss those next month!

Source: CNBC, cnbc.com/guide/personal-finance-101-the-complete-guide-to-managing-your-money.


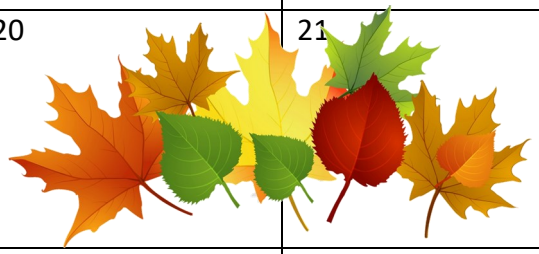


Your Story Could be Featured in Next Month's Newsletter!

If you have news of accomplishments, original artwork, poetry, community group news, recipes, or if you just want to see something specific on the next newsletter, we want to hear from you! Drop off a letter at the Siler Homes office or send an email to caleb.alexander@flagstaffaz.gov.

Bulk trash pickup should be placed curbside by 6:00 am on the Monday of your collection week.

September 2021

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>Trash Pickup</u> Clark Homes, Crestview, and Cedar <u>Yard Watering:</u> None	<u>Trash Pickup</u> All Sunnyside Scattered Sites <u>Recycling Pickup</u> Brannen and Verde <u>Watering:</u> Odd #s	<u>Trash Pickup</u> Siler, Brannen, Steves, Alta Vista, Lockett, and Verde <u>Watering:</u> Even #s	<u>Recycling Pickup</u> Clark Homes, Cedar, and Crestview <u>Watering:</u> Odd #s	<u>Recycling Pickup</u> Siler, Lockett, Alta Vista, Steves, and all Sunnyside Scattered Sites <u>Watering:</u> Even #s
August 30 <u>Bulky Trash Pickup:</u> Siler, Greenlaw, & Scattered Sites	August 31	September 1 <u>Public Housing & Clark Rent Due</u> <u>Section 8 WL Opens at 8:30 am</u>	2 <i>You can apply for Section 8 online at apply.havenconnect.com</i>	3 
6 <u>Labor Day: All City Offices Closed</u> 	7 <u>Clark Late Rent Reminders Sent</u>	8	9 <u>Public Housing Late Rent Reminders Sent</u>	10
13 <u>Bulky Trash Pickup:</u> Brannen & Verde	14	15 <u>Last day to turn in LIPH Recert. Packets for December, 8am</u>	16	17
20 	21	22	23 <u>Last Day to Pay Public Housing Rent to Avoid Court Action</u>	24 <u>Last day to report changes to insure rent decrease</u>
27 <u>Bulky Trash Pickup:</u> Clark Homes, Crestview, & Cedar	28	29 	30 <u>Last day to turn in Clark Recert Packets</u>	October 1 

